

Proposed Bill No. 5757

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by: REP. THOMPSON, 13th Dist.

## AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPANDED UTILIZATION OF FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to require the Commissioner
- of Social Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Public
- 3 Health, to designate federally qualified health centers as lead
- 4 providers in coordinating health care with and for regional providers
- 5 in fulfilling the responsibility of expanding primary care and
- 6 enhancing medical services beyond primary care, as necessary, and
- 7 working with all private and public providers in the region serviced by
- 8 the federally qualified health center.

## Statement of Purpose:

To utilize federally qualified health centers as a means to expand health care services to all citizens in the state and enhance the state's health care system at a projected lower cost to the state while producing a healthier population.